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SUBJ: TUNISIAN GRAIN CROP OUTLOOK:

SMALL IMPROVEMENT LEAVES LARGE

IMPORT REQUIREMENTS

REF: TUNIS 3442

1. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CEREALS OFFICE MOUAFFAK TOLD ECONOMIC COUNSELOR MAY 31 THAT CURRENT OUTLOOK IS FOR TOTAL GRAIN CROP OF ABOUT 790,000 METRIC TONS OR JUST ABOVE LASTYEAR'S TOTAL OF 650-670,000 TONS.

2. APRIL RAINS AND GENERALLY GOOD WEATHER THEREAFTER HAVE RAISED TOTAL EXPECTED CROP BY 40 TO 90,000 TONS SINNCE LAST OFFICIAL ESTIMATES (REFTEL). OF THIS INCREASE, 20 TO 30,000 TONS TO BE FROM MARGINAL AREAS
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OF CENTER AND SOUTH. MOUAFFAK SAID, HOWEVER, THAT LATTER INCREASE IS NOT LIKELY TO HAVE ANY EMPACT ON QUANTITY OF GRAIN TO BE ACQUIRED AND MARKETED BY OFFICE OF CEREALS--TOTAL OF 200,000 TONS EXPECTED COUNTRY-WIDE TO COME ENTIRELY FROM NORTHERN REGION.

3. MAOUFFAK AGAIN ANTICIPATED THAT WHEAT IMPORT

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COMING CEREALS YEAR WOULD BE IN
EXCESS OF 600,000 TONS, PLUS EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE QUANTITIES
OF HARD GRAINS FOR LIVESTOCK. MULCAHY

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